



Archibald Gardner Reunion and Monument Dedication

21 July, 1990
Afton, Wyoming

Archibald Gardner

Pioneer Builder of the West

Mills, Canals, Bridges

PROGRAM

REGISTRATION:

Friday July 20th, 12:00 Noon thru the evening - at the Information Booth on the corner of 2nd Ave. and Washington (Hwy 89)

Sat. July 21st 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the monument site.

12:00 PM to 2:30 PM at the High School.

8:00 AM: AT THE INTERMITTENT SPRING

SUNRISE SERVICE: Dean & Yvonne Gardner Clark
For those interested in making the trip. It is about six miles east of Afton up Swift Creek Canyon. It is approximately a thirty minute hike (3/4 mile) from the end of the gravel road. You should allow about one hour each direction and about thirty minutes for the service. It is a beautiful sight for those who are up to it. The spring is the source of Swift Creek Water which powered the Gardner mills. (History of the spring and Archibald's sons, Bruce, Clarence, Frank and Wilford's involvement in its discovery is available at the history booth.)

11:00 AM:

MONUMENT PROGRAM AND DEDICATION

Conducting and Welcome Ballard Gardner
Invocation Kern C. Gardner
Interview with Archibald Archibald Gardner Widdison
Honor the living Grandchildren Living Grandchildren
Pictures, documents, information Vee Gardner Hull
Genealogical Information Jill Crandell
Tribute to Archibald Gardner Ballard Gardner
Unveiling of the Monument Scott Gardner & Dean Clark
Dedication of the Monument Dr. Mervyn B. Gardner
Bagpipes Grant Gardner

Immediately following the program we will take a group photograph of all the grandchildren that are present.

12:00 PM:

LUNCH BREAK

DURING THE LUNCH BREAK AND AFTER THE PROGRAM

Visit by family groups. Review and place orders for available books, pictures, genealogy, documents, etc.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has worked so many long hours to make this reunion possible. We are grateful to the committee and family representatives who have provided so much information. Special thanks to the town of Afton for their support and cooperation.

WORDING ON THE MONUMENT

Archibald Gardner

NOBLE, GENEROUS, KIND AND TRUE TO ALL
PIONEER OF 1847

Born at Kilsythe Scotland Sept 2, 1814

Died in Salt Lake City, Ut Feb 8, 1902

THIS MONUMENT HAS BEEN ERECTED AS A TRIBUTE TO HIM IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A MILL BUILDER AND HIS LIFETIME DEDICATION TO HELPING PEOPLE. HE ARRIVED IN AFTON IN OCTOBER 1889. BY DECEMBER HE WAS PRODUCING FLOUR AND LUMBER WHICH WERE BADLY NEEDED BY THE EARLY SETTLERS. THE WATER POWERED MILLS WERE BUILT AT THE MOUTH OF SWIFT CREEK CANYON. HIS FORSIGHT HELPED SAVE THE SETTLERS FROM STARVATION THE FOLLOWING WINTER.

THIS MONUMENT IS NOT JUST FOR HIS WORK IN STAR VALLEY. HE WAS KNOWN AS THE MILL BUILDER OF THE WEST HAVING BUILT OVER 35 MILLS, MANY CANALS AND BRIDGES. HE FAITHFULLY SERVED HIS CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY HIS ENTIRE LIFE.

ERECTED JULY 21, 1990 IN COMMEMORATION OF 101 YEARS
SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN STAR VALLEY OCTOBER 1889
MADE POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS FROM HIS GRATEFUL POSTERITY

"A POSTERITY SHALL KEEP THY NAME IN REMEMBRANCE FOREVER"

(Quote from Archibald Gardner's Patriarchal Blessing)

At Archibald Gardner's funeral Apostle John Henry Smith, one of the speakers said, "God never placed a truer man on earth." He compared him to a sturdy oak standing alone in a field. He had withstood the winds of adversity and grown strong. He was a giant among men. He never betrayed his wives, his children or his God.

Stake President, George Osmond, stated that no person that had ever entered Star Valley had done so much good assist its people or to build up the country.

2:30 PM:

PROGRAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Conducting	Ballard Gardner
Prayer	Dr. Preston Hughes
Song - Family Reunion	Deanne Gardner Vanderford
Life of Archibald Gardner	
Readers Theatre (Prepared & written by)	Virginia Black
Participants	Preston Nielson Kent Black
	Barbara Ballif Rhoda Ashley
	Lyman Ballif Marian Ashley
	Archibald Gardner Widdison

HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH WIFE

1. MARGERET LIVINGSTON	Delila Williams - Great Granddaughter
2. ABIGAIL SPRAGUE BRADFORD	Jim Daniels - Great Great Grandson
3. MARY ANN BRADFORD	Delila Abbott - Great Granddaughter
4. ELIZABETH ELINOR LEWIS	Nancy Long Christenson - Friend (no descendants)
5. LAURA ALTHEA THOMPSON	Deanne Gardner Vanderford - Great Granddaughter
6. JANE PARK	Judy Wright - Great Great Granddaughter
7. SERENA GAHRSON EVENSEN	Lavinia Kanig - Great Granddaughter
8. SARAH JANE HAMILTON	Virginia Black - Great Granddaughter
9. HARRIET ARMITAGE	Velma Thomas - Great Granddaughter
10. ELIZABETH DOWDING	Ballard Gardner - (no descendants)
11. MARY LARSEN	Yvonne Clark - Granddaughter

Song:

We're Different but We're one Family	Deanne Gardner Vanderford
Gardner Mill, Villiage & Museum	Nancy Long Christenson

Honorary adoption of Nancy Long Christenson into the Gardner Clan.

Future Archibald Gardner Projects	Ballard Gardner
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Closing Song:

Annie Laurie (a Scottish Song)	} Serena Kanig
He's Got The Whole World In His Hands	
Closing Prayer	Reil Gardner Francis

All piano accompaniment by	Deanne Gardner Vanderford
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THE REUNION COMMITTEE:

Scott Gardner	Chairman
Ballard Gardner	Reunion Coordinator, Monument, Program
Lanna Gardner Warren	Wyoming Coordinator, Contributions
Vee Gardner Hull	Pictures, Documents, History
Jill Crandell	Genealogy Records
Colleen Lunt & Elaine Horton	Publicity
Dean & Yvonne Gardner Clark	Monument Site
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